

**WØMTL — Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News — WØKEM****2015 HARC OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT: DON VARY, KDØHHN -- V-PRES: ED TURNER, NØWNV**  
**TREASURER: LARRY LAUER, WB2UFO**  
**SECRETARY: DAVE MILAM, KBØRZN**  
**TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA**  
**EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP**

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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

**Wednesday – August 12, 2015 at 7:30 PM**

**Beth Haven Pleasant View**  
**641 Euclid Avenue**  
**Hannibal, Mo 63401**

**Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the club's meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.**

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**MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – AUGUST 2015**

**3<sup>rd</sup> KDØHHN, DON -- 10<sup>th</sup> KDØYTH, STEVEN**  
**17<sup>th</sup> WØPGL, TONY -- 24<sup>th</sup> WB2UFO, LARRY**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> KB9VIS, BRIAN**

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## **FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2015**

OCTOBER 14th

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KB0WIL at [kb0wil@arrrl.net](mailto:kb0wil@arrrl.net) or 573-221-2429.

The 2015 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.



### **Hannibal Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes July 8, 2015**

The July meeting of the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club was called to order by Don (KDØHHN) at 7:30 PM with 13 members and 6 guests present. Introductions were done, and Don mentioned that 3 of the guests, Bob Miles, Maria Comstock and David Wright were students in the Technician class that he, Larry (WB2UFO) and Cliff (KØCA) just completed and they would be testing tonight. They were all wished good luck on the testing. There were no proposals for membership this month.

Don asked if everyone had a chance to read over the minutes for last month's meeting. he then asked for any changes or additions to the minutes. With none forthcoming, a motion was made by Carol (WA9EFV) and seconded by Tony (WØPGL) to accept the minutes of the June meeting. The motion carried

#### **Treasurer's report.**

Larry (WB2UFO) reported that last month's ending balance was \$1645.09 and this month's ending balance was \$1492.20. The CD balance was \$1320.65 making the total assets \$2812.85. A motion was made by JD (WØAJD) and seconded by Cliff (KØCA) to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Repeaters

Fred (KBØWIL) reported no problems with the repeaters.

### **Unfinished Business**

Field Day – Don (KDØHHN) reported that this year's score was 2552 points with 509 QSO's being made by Cliff (KØCA) on CW, 2 contacts by digital and 254 QSO' by phone. The score was 338 points more than last year, and this was operating for only 16 hours instead of the full 24 due to Health Department concerns. This also included 100 bonus points for an educational program done by Larry (WB2UFO) on the N1MM+ program. Cliff (KØCA) also reported that we contacted all 50 states during Field Day and out of 83 sections in the ARRL, we contacted 78. He thanked Larry (WB2UFO) for all of his work on the GOTA station, not only for the points accumulated, but also for getting several new prospective hams on the air over the past few years. He also thanked Don (KDØHHN) for the dinner, and reiterated that you did not have to operate on Field Day to come to the dinner, that everyone was welcome. He has also downloaded the QSO's to the Logbook of the World and we've gotten over 100 from Field day.

Don (KDØHHN) also reported that Field Day counted as ARES® training and it added 160 hours for training this year. He also reported that we have an invitation from the Marion County Ambulance District to do Field Day next year at their new training/administrative facility. The Technician class was completed there and the instructors were very pleased with the facility. The ambulance district has also suggested that if it worked out, that this could be a permanent home for Field Day, and it was suggested that the club could hold a meeting there so everyone could view the facility first hand. A motion was made by Larry(WB2UFO) seconded by Steve (KDØUVU) to look around for other places to host field day as well. Cliff (KØCA) said this would be a good idea as it would establish relationships between the club and different agencies in the area. This motion carried. Another motion was made by Ed (NØWNV) seconded by JD (WØAJD) that if the schedule allows, the September meeting of the club be held at the Marion County Ambulance District. This motion also carried. Don (KDØHHN) also reported that the Ambulance district was interested in putting a permanent ham station at their facility. Bonnie (WBØWAP) asked if the station at the Health department would be taken down by not doing Field Day there. Steve (KDØUVU) said that the station would stay there as it belonged to the Health Department. Discussion was entertained about doing a special event at the Health Department. Cliff(KØCA) mentioned the annual Simulated Emergency Test, which usually takes place in October. Don said he would check on that and report back.. A motion was made by Larry (WB2UFO) and seconded by Ed (NØWNV) to look into doing this. The motion carried.

### **New Business**

Don(KDØHHN) reported that there were 2 severe weather activations last month and that the help with them was appreciated. Larry (WB2UFO) asked how the nets were activated and Don reported that if he were contacted by John Hark, Emergency Management, or National Weather Service, he would come up on the 625 machine and activate the net.

### **Quincy Hamfest**

Don also reported that the Quincy Hamfest would be held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. You can get information from the Quincy club website [wa9we.org](http://wa9we.org).

**Redneck Retreat**

Carol (WA9EFV) also mentioned that the Redneck Retreat would be held the next day, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at his place in Barry, Illinois. Everyone was invited and asked to bring a dish to pass. A good time will be had by all.

**National Lighthouse Association**

JD(WØAJD) brought up that the National Lighthouse Association would be doing their annual event coming up in August. They try to have hams activate as many lighthouses as possible. The Mark Twain lighthouse is on their list and the club used to do the event. Discussion was held about the possibility of doing it this year. Cliff and Fred have QSL cards for the lighthouse. Don said he would check with Parks Department about either the lighthouse site or Lover's Leap. Cliff said that to operate, you need to be able to see the lighthouse. Larry (WB2UFO) said he would take charge of it. If we cannot do it this year, we will work on it for next year. JD(WØAJD) also suggested operating off the riverboat like we have done in the past. We as a club need to get back into doing things like this to help keep in interest going in Amateur Radio

**50/50**

Cliff (KØCA) won the drawing and donated it back to the club. Thanks Cliff!!

With no other business a motion was made by Mel (KCØHYY) seconded by Tony (WØPGL) to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald Vary, KDØHHN

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**  
**BY DON VARY KDØHHN**



First off, I would like to congratulate everyone who went through the recent testing from the class that Larry, Cliff and myself taught. Rob Ahrens passed his General test, Bob Miles passed his Technician test, and David Wright and Maria Comstock passed both the Technician and General test. Congratulations one and all and welcome to the world of Amateur Radio.

I know that there were others who were on the list for the class who could not make this one due to scheduling, and from seeing people show up for the tests who have studied on their own, it shows me that there still is an interest in Amateur Radio in this area. I was talking with Shane Jeager from the ambulance district this morning and he said that if we wanted to do additional classes, that we could use the training facility for those classes. To me, this is a very important factor for a class, because other than the library, I don't think that there are too many places around the area that would be set up for a class, other than of course the local schools, which in this day and age involves a lot more of security type precautions than it did when I was growing up, but that is neither here nor there. So, hopefully we will soon be able to get another class going, and maybe expand it to the General level now that the ARRL has developed an instructor plan for the General test.

Now that we have these new operators we need to find ways to keep their interest peaked, and possibly help bring in more people to the fold. It was mentioned at the last meeting about doing a special event station at the Marion County Health Department, as well as the Mark Twain Lighthouse event. Both of these are great ideas and we will be working on them, but they cannot be done without help from everyone. As we work on these, information will be forthcoming, and any help with them will be appreciated. Also, if you have any other ideas to promote the club and Amateur Radio, please let an officer know and we will do what we can to make it happen.

Field day was a success. We scored 330 more points than last year, mostly thanks to Cliff on CW and Larry on the GOTA station. We got several people on the air, including 2 of our students through the GOTA. I thank Larry for undertaking the running of the GOTA station and am very happy that we decided to try doing this at Field Day. To me, it makes the day more than just a contest/drill, something that was further brought to my attention this year. We had everything set up and were awaiting the start time, so I was checking the Health Department's radio on the G5RV to see how it was getting out. I had a station in Utah come back to me, and then spent the next 20 minutes talking with a young man named Trevor. He was an 11 year old who was going to make his first entry into Amateur Radio on the local club's GOTA station and wanted to see if he could talk to another amateur before the contest started. We had a very enjoyable chat, and for me that made this Field Day special because I was the first contact with this young man, and hopefully not his last.

Well that's all for now.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and stay cool and dry. See you down the log...  
73 Don

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## SILENT KEY

RIP: William J. Diamond - (WRØT) (KYØK)

Bill passed away Tuesday, July 14, 2015 7:28 PM at 2:20 p.m. He was 72.

Gene WØGZ, received a message from Julia Diamond that Bill had passed away.

Bill Diamond lived in Hannibal back in the late 70's and early 80's .... He was a very avid and active Ham. At that time his call was WAØAOJ. The Hannibal Amateur Radio Club sends our sincere condolences.

If you want to send a card to Julia, Bill's wife, the address is below.

Julia A. Diamond,  
3002 West Beechwood Dr.  
Rogers, AR, 72756

Thanks Gene, WØGZ for this information.

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**DX News and Notes,  
BY LARRY LAUER, WB2UFO**

## **August**



### **DX News for August 2015**

Hello friends. Field Day was fantastic. I was the GOTA coach for our club station and we made 132 contacts (just taking this opportunity to brag).

Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July will be the Islands on the Air (IOTA) contest. Rob KE0DZI a new General Class Ham and I will be active on that contest with his calls. It should be a fun contest and a place to look for DX Look for us and say hello

### **THE HANNIBAL MARK TWAIN LIGHT HOUSE EVENT**

The Hannibal Amateur Club will activate the Mark Twain Light House on Saturday August 15, for Light House and Light Ship Weekend Call will be W0MTL (Mark Twain Lighthouse) SEE FOLLOWING MESSAGE! COME JOIN US.

## **Saturday, August 15, 2015 Set Up 9:00 -- Tear Down 7:00 PM**

**On Saturday, August 15, we will be participating in the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend, from the Glascock Landings Pavilion, on the Hannibal Mississippi Riverfront, in the shadow of The Mark Twain Memorial Light House. All are invited to help, offer suggestions, set up, and operate. Let's spend a day in the park playing ham radio.**

**For information call Larry Lauer, WB2UFO at (573) 406-0383**

**Or email at [Larry@alauer.com](mailto:Larry@alauer.com)**

### **Now on to the meager listings for this months DX.**

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, E7. Members of the Nikola Tesla Radio Club are QRV as E7TESLA until August 10. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via E77E.

ETHIOPIA, ET. Andy, UR4LRQ, Yaroslav, UW7LL and Igor, UY5LW are QRV from club station ET3AA until August 21. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL this operation via US0LW.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Jean, F5LCI is QRV as J20JM until September 15. Activity is with QRP power on the HF bands using CW and JT65. QSL to home call.

D6, COMOROS. Ken, LA7GIA, will be on a one man DXpedition to Comoros (D6) between September 14–23rd. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Using a TS-480 with a 500 watt amp, his antennas will be a yagi for (20/15/10m) and an all band vertical. Ken states, "QTH has excellent take off to NA/SA/EU. I will prioritize NA during evenings, great conditions are expected on 15m. License D67A to be issued this or next week." He is looking for sponsors. He has a Web page up and running with more info at: <http://la7gia.com/d67gia-2/index.html>



EU-169. Alfredo, IK7JWX, and a team of operators will go on their third Italian IOTA DXpedition. Their next operation will be to Sazan Island (M.I.A. MA-01, ARLHS ALB-04 + 19 + 20, ILLW L-028, WW Loc JN90PM) between September 2-9th. The team received their callsign and license this week. Callsign will be ZA0I.  
QSL Manager for Italy is IK7JWX; for the world is IK2DUW.  
Look for updates and other details on QRZ.com.

**Wishing you all good DX and 73**  
**Larry, WB2UFO**

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*Dear Troops. Thanks to you, our flag is proudly flying over this country!*



**BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**

**Do not be terrified;  
do not be discouraged  
for the Lord your God  
will be with you  
wherever you go.  
(Joshua 1:9)**



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